GOVERNMENTOF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary Matters - Smt. B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District and presently working as Agriculture Officer, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur – Allegations of non- following of the guidelines in selection of beneficiaries (SC/ST/Women), not maintained Distribution Register as per norms etc., in distribution of inputs during Kharif season, 2011-12 etc. – Disciplinary action initiated under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Imposed the penalty of "Withholding of (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" – Appeal submitted and admitted – Reduction of the Penalty to "Withholding of (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.719 **Dated: 28/10/2022**

Read the following:

1. Proceedings No.Vig.I(2)122/2012-2, dt.02.04.2021 of the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
2. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No. Vig I(2) 122/2012, dt.24.08.2021 along with Appeal petition dt.20.07.2021 of Smt. B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District.
3. Appeal Petition dt.04.01.2022 of Smt. B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District, received through Endt.No.006, dt.04.01.2022 of the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture.
4. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/6/2022-Vig.I, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.27.01.2022.
5. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig I(2) 122/2012, dt.06.06.2022.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has issued Orders imposing the penalty of "Withholding of (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" against Smt. B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District, under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, with regard to non- following of the guidelines in selection of beneficiaries (SC/ST/Women), not maintenance of Distribution Register as per norms etc., in distribution of inputs during Kharif season - 2011.

2. In the references 2nd & 3rd read above, Smt.B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District, has submitted Appeal Petitions to the Government, stating that she has not deviated any norms and guidelines of the scheme while distributing the inputs under the said scheme and during the inquiry, the Inquiry officer examined all farmers/ witnesses to whom she has distributed the inputs under the scheme. But none has stated in support of charges. There was also no financial misappropriation in the matter. The Mistakes in maintenance of record and registers might have happened due to lack of service experience but not intentionally. Hence she has requested to excuse her if any procedural mistakes done un-intentionally as a first instance and to consider her genuine pleas and issue orders to set aside the penalty imposed on her.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Government have forwarded a copy of the Appeal Petition of Smt. B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District to the Commissioner of Agriculture with a request to examine the petition and furnish his remarks, for further action in the matter.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has submitted his remarks on the Appeal Petition of the individual stating that, Smt. B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District has committed the irregularities due to lack of proper guidance from the concerned Higher Officer and she was also new to department at the time of allegations leveled.

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5. The Government have admitted the above Appeal Petition submitted by Smt. B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District, under rule 43 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and after careful examination of the material papers made available, it is observed that, no financial misappropriation is occurred in this case, except some minor procedural deviation noticed in maintenance of records and registers and hence it is decided to reduce the penalty of "Withholding of (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" to that of "Withholding of (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against her.

6. Accordingly, the Government, hereby, order for reduction of the penalty of "Withholding of (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" in respect of Smt. B. Indumathi, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Gonegandla, Kurnool District and presently working as Agriculture Officer, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, to that of "Withholding of (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect", under Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

7. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

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The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, Kurnool.
The Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool.
The OSD to Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
The OSD to A.P.Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., 5th Block, 1st Floor,
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SECTION OFFICER